The Ramble



AVENUE IN THE GROUNDS.

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But Mr. Carbery's service to Washington is not to be measured by his term as mayor. His predecessors in that office were Robert Brent, Daniel Rapine, James H. Blake, Benjamin G. Orr and Samuel N. Smallwood, His successors were Samuel N. Smallwood, Roger C. Weightman, Joseph Gales, jr.; John P. Van Ness, William M. Seaton, Walter Lenox, John W. Maury, John T. Towers, William B. Magruder, James G. Berret, Richard Wallach, Sayles J. Bowen and Matthew G. Emery.

At this point it is interesting to glance back at the names of the washingtonians who were officially associated in the government of the capital with Mayor Carbery. The register of the map will, therefore, he "A map of the city of Washington in the Territory of the city of Washington in the Territory

The house which furnishes the text of the present ramble stands among many trees on the old 7th street pike, which later Washingtonians call Georgia avenue, west of Brightwood. A double line of maples borders the wayng, bending drive leading from the main street. Only an occasional horse and vehicle pass under the branches of these trees now. The house itself is in an advanced state of decay and the story has been told that it will soon be torn down. The house, having outlived its usefulness and having come to be censidered an eyesore, will probably soon perish. It is a square, two-story frame with four chimneys and a cupola, or observatory, on the roof, an main street. Only an occasional horse

larger area than was taken over by the government for the army hospital. Thomas Carbery on coming into possession of the property called it "Norway." It had been the property of Daniel Carroll of Duddington, who also owned Abbey Manor, or Cerne Abbey Manor, which extended from about the line of M street north down to the Eastern branch, on which tract stand Union station, the terminal tracks, the Capitol, the Library of Congress, the Senate and House office buildings, the east part of the Botanic Garden, Garfield Park and a large district of South Washington.

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All old Washingtonians know the close relations which Daniel Carroll bore to the embryo Washington. He was one of the three commissioners appointed under the act establishing the permanent capital, for the purpose of running "lines of experiment" and performing other services in connection with the creation of the District of Columbia. George Washington, President of the United States, issued on January 23, 1791, the following letters patent 1791, the following letters patent to the commissioners:

Know you that, reposing special trust and confidence in the integrity, skill and diligence of Thomas Johnson and Daniel Carrell of Maryland and David Stewart of Virginia, I do, in pursuance of the power vested in me by the act entitled "An act for the establishing the temporary and permanent seat of government of the United States," approved July 16, 1790, hereby appoint them, the said Thomas Johnson, Daniel Carroll and David Stewart, commissioners for surveying the district of territory accepted by the said act for the permanent seat of government of the United States, and for performing such other offices as by law directed, with full authority for them, or any two of them, to proceed therein according to law, and to have and to hold the said office, with all the powers, privileges and authorities to the same of right pertaining to each of them, during the pleasure of the President of the United States for the time being.

It was to these commissioners that



Ainsworth R. Spofford, Douglas Zerely, Robert H. Harkness, Dr. Willium Tindall and W. V. Cox on "The Mayors of the Corporation of Washington," A great many facts concerning the Carbery family have also been gathered by Louis P. Shoemaker, whose mother was Martha Carbery, daughter of Lewis Carbery, who was a brother of Capt. and Mayor Thomas Carbery. It is to these gentlemen that the Rambler is indebted for much of his matter bearing on the life of Thomas Carbery. Even when one is writing about old friends it is necessary to refresh the memory, especially in the case of dates and names.

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The Carbery was an Irish family. Thomas Carbery's great-grandfather, John Baptist Carbery, was born in Ireland. Because of religious persecution he emigrated to New England and settled for a time in Boston. He seems not to have been happy among the Puritans and leaving Boston went to Maryland. He was living in St. Marys county in 1700, for there is a will extant to which he appended his signature to witness on October 18 of

will extant to which he appended his signature to witness on October 18 of that year. The date of his birth and the date of his coming to America are not known. Among his children was a son, named for the father, John Baptist Carbery. That son was born in St. Marys county, most probably on St. Clements bay, in 1733. He married a Miss Thompson of Charles county, In their large family was a son, Thomas Carbery. He came to the District of Columbia about the time of the removal of the seat of government from Philadelphia. He engaged in business Philadelphia. He engaged in business as a contractor and furnished some of

Philadelphia. He engaged in business as a contractor and furnished some of the materials for the public buildings then under construction. He died in Washington July 12, 1812, at the age of sixty-seven years. His wife, who was Mary Asenath Carbery, died in Washington January 2, 1819, in the sixty-fourth year of her age.

The children of Thomas Carbery, sr., and Mary Asenath Carbery were, in the order of their birth, Mary, John Baptist, tornarine, Thomas, James, Lewis and Ignatius Henry. Mary was born in 1775 and died in 1858; John Baptist, born and died in 1858; John Baptist, born 1777, died 1803; Martha, who married Salvadore Catalana, was born 1779, died 1857; Ruth, born 1780, died 1869; Ann, who married—Mattingly, born 1784; died 1855; Joseph, 1786-1849; Catharine, 1789-1880; Thomas, June 26, 1791-May 23, 1863; James, 1793-1851; Lewis, 1795-199.

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CEVERAL Survivors of War Reside in Washington and Vicinity-President Polk's Special

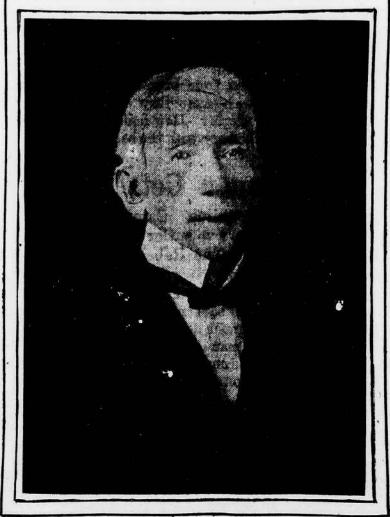
the last muster and left Fisher to tell tales of bygone days to any one who happens to be even slightly interested in battles before forty-two-centimeter guns and gas bombs came into vogue. He was assigned to Company B, 2d Virginia Volunteer Regiment, and had his baptism of fire at Vera Cruz. Gen. Winfield Scott's expedition with a squadron under Commodore Conner appeared off Vera Cruz on the 9th of March. Fisher landed along with

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appeared off Vera Cruz on the 3th of March. Fisher landed along with 12,000 other United States soldiers and sailors before the strongly fortified city.

The city was defended by land works suing this course, I do not believe it can war and saw much service up and

Message to Congress—Eighty-four Men of Alexandria Marched to Defend the Cause of Texas—Only One Survivor of the Company—Col. Porterfield's Letter.



COL GEORGE A. PORTERFIELD. President of the Astec Club of 1847.

talker, but tells more of the excitement and privations of the days after the war, when he crossed the plains is well known in Washington. He cared for Kit Carson at Beveridge's Hotel when the famous Indian fighter was recovering from a severe attack of pneumonia. Simms says he begged Carson not to leave Washington with his Indians so soon after a serious illness, when Carson insisted on starting from the capital to see his wife at Fort Atchison. "He was so weak from his attack that he shouldn't have walked across a meadow five fathoms long," Simms says. "And yet he started half way across the country before the bliz-

CURIOUS CUSTOMS OF THE OLD WORLD.

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To the American traveler in Europe there is, perhaps, nothing more there is, perhaps, nothing more curious than the peraistency with the certain oil customs are maintained. The Romans, for example, observe the "saturnalia" of their ancient pagan ancestors, in, however, a harmonic pagan ancestors, in, however, a brain pagan ancestors, in, however, a brain less way, and the Florentines proceed on a certain morning each year to catch crickets in the grass simply because the Etruscans did the same thing 2,000 years ago.

When Bismarck, during the term of his mission as ambassador to Russia, was walking one day in the summer garden in St. Petersburg, as it was then called, he met the emperor, which was the morning to the commons? In the still greater astonishment that the still gr